



Regulatory System for Chardham Pilgrimage

Why in News?

Compelled by the heavy rush of pilgrims, the Uttarakhand Government is set to introduce a regulatory system for the [chardham pilgrimage](#), similar to the 2019 '**Devasthanam Management Board**' which was abandoned due to protests by the priests.

Key Points

- The government has constituted a **special High-Level Committee (HLC)** to suggest the constitution of a '**new authority or institution**' to **regulate Chardham and other religious pilgrimages to the state.**
- The HLC formed by the state government has been mandated to look into the smooth and uninterrupted regulation of the pilgrimages in Uttarakhand in the future.
 - It will also monitor and regulate the daily flow of devotees in the ongoing Chardham pilgrimage for **Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath, and Kedarnath shrines.**

Char Dham Yatra

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- **Yamunotri Dham:**
 - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Yamuna.
 - River Yamuna is the second-most sacred river in India after River Ganga.
- **Gangotri Dham:**
 - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Ganga.
 - Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.
- **Kedarnath Dham:**

- **Location:** Rudraprayag district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Lord Shiva.
 - Situated on the bank of the Mandakini River.
 - One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.
- **Badrinath Dham:**
- **Location:** Chamoli district.
 - Home to the sacred Badrinarayan Temple.
 - **Dedicated to:** Lord Vishnu.
 - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

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